

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Kazuhisa SUDO, et al.

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SERIAL NO: NEW APPLICATION

EXAMINER:

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FOR: TONER CONTAINER AND IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS USING THE SAME

REQUEST FOR PRIORITY

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SIR:

☒ Full benefit of the filing date of U.S. Application Serial Number 10/059,187, filed JANUARY 31, 2002, is claimed pursuant to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §120.

☐ Full benefit of the filing date(s) of U.S. Provisional Application(s) is claimed pursuant to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §119(e): Application No. Date Filed

☒ Applicants claim any right to priority from any earlier filed applications to which they may be entitled pursuant to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §119, as noted below.

In the matter of the above-identified application for patent, notice is hereby given that the applicants claim as priority:

<u>COUNTRY</u>	<u>APPLICATION NUMBER</u>	<u>MONTH/DAY/YEAR</u>
Japan	2001-023597	January 31, 2001
Japan	2001-035481	February 13, 2001
Japan	2001-400638	December 28, 2001

Certified copies of the corresponding Convention Application(s)

☐ are submitted herewith

☐ will be submitted prior to payment of the Final Fee

☒ were filed in prior application Serial No. 10/059,187 filed January 31, 2002

☐ were submitted to the International Bureau in PCT Application Number

Receipt of the certified copies by the International Bureau in a timely manner under PCT Rule 17.1(a) has been acknowledged as evidenced by the attached PCT/IB/304.

☐ (A) Application Serial No.(s) were filed in prior application Serial No. filed ; and

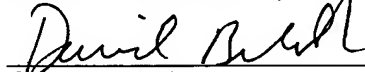
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